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TAGS: PINT, PINS, CSCE, SHUM, UR

SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE AT ORLOV AND OTHER POLITICAL TRIALS

REF: MOSCOW 10465

1. DEPARTMENT OFFICER BELOUSOVITCH, WHO TRIED TO ATTEND TVERDOKHLEBOV TRIAL IN APRIL 1976, OFFERS FOLLOWING ADVICE TO EMBOFF WHO GOES TO ORLOV TRIAL AS WELL AS OTHER FORTH-COMING POLITICAL TRIALS.
2. DATE INITIALLY ANNOUNCED FOR ANY POLITICAL TRIAL HAS GOOD CHANCE OF BEING POSTPONED AFTER EVERYBODY SHOWS UP AT THE COURTHOUSE. THIS STRATAGEM ALLOWS AUTHORITIES IN EFFECT TO STAGE A DRY RUN TO REHEARSE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AND OBSERVE WHO SHOWS UP FOR TRIAL AND SIZE OF CROWD.
3. RECOMMEND THAT EMBOFF COME GOOD TWO HOURS EARLY (WITH  
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HOT COFFEE IN THERMOS) TO OBSERVE PREPARATIONS AROUND COURTHOUSE. LITTLE OR NO ACTIVITY, AND ABSENCE OF MASSIVE DEPLOYMENT OF MILITIA AND SECURITY PERSONNEL COULD WELL INDICATE POSTPONEMENT OF TRIAL. ONE TECHNIQUE FAVORED BY AUTHORITIES IS TO PACK COURTROOM IN EARLY MORNING (OR EVEN IN MIDDLE OF NIGHT) WITH "INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS" BROUGHT IN BY BUS, SO AS TO BE IN POSITION TO DENY ADMITTANCE TO

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF DEFENDANT ON GROUNDS THAT "COURT IS ALREADY FULL." TIME SPENT WAITING OUTSIDE COURT IS VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OLD FRIENDS AND CONTACTS, AS WELL AS NEW ONES, AND TO HEAR LATEST GOSSIP, RUMORS, AND NEWS.

4. EVEN IF EMBOFF IS DENIED ADMISSION TO COURT, HIS PRESENCE IN FRONT OF COURTHOUSE DURING TRIAL REPRESENTS EFFECTIVE SHOW OF EMBASSY INTEREST WHICH WILL BE DULY NOTED BY AUTHORITIES. FAMILY OF DEFENDANT IS LIKELY TO SEND OUT WORD ABOUT PROGRESS OF TRIAL DURING BREAKS AND TO STAGE IMPROMPTU PRESS CONFERENCES FOR BENEFIT OF FOREIGN JOURNALISTS PRESENT. PRESENCE OF FOREIGNERS AND CAMERAS TENDS TO KEEP GOONS ON GOOD BEHAVIOR AND REDUCES LIKELIHOOD OF WAITING DISSIDENTS BEING ROUGHED UP. VANCE

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